

Tawonga Primary School Newsletter

Healthy, Happy Children ... Learning to Live

Our vision: To educate students with the life skills necessary to achieve academic, social and emotional success.

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Dear Parents,

Entrance gate completed!

Davide Angelini has been working double time for the last couple of weeks, and yesterday finished the magnificent front gate! This piece of artwork will be a lasting icon in the town, and hopefully a good omen for all those who walk through!



Working Bee Sat from 9am

Our whole new school landscaping project is sooo... close to completion. So that we can get the children back to using the front yard we have called a working bee for Saturday morning. As well as putting finishing touches to the Kindergarten. The aim is to seed the

new lawn areas (steel rakes required), clean up litter from trees in the driveway (quite a bit of mulch for someone's garden there), spread woodchips around the base of the fairy tree and screw some more noticeboards on to the walls inside the new building. Even if you only have an hour to spare, please come down and join in the fun.

School Council Report

Sub-committees

At Tuesday night's meeting a new sub-committee structure was approved. The idea is to streamline the work of council so that much of the 'leg-work' is tackled by sub-committees who then make recommendations back to the full council. Sub-committee membership is now:

****SC President Mark Roffey and School Principal Bob Flower are on all Sub Committees.**

Finance: Lisa, K Roffey, C Docherty, E Gorham – Chair person: K Roffey.

Kinder: L Docherty, I Gorham, Y Hind. Chair Person: Y Hind.

Ground & Buildings: E Gorham, K Roffey, G Boote. Chair Person: G Boote.

Curriculum & Policies: C Docherty, C Dillon, A Stanmore, E Gorham. Chair Person: E Gorham.

Grants: C Dillon, I Gorham. Chair Person: C Dillon.

Communication & Promotion: C Hawkins, C Dillon, A Stanmore, L Ranton. Chair Person: C Dillon.

Fundraising & Social: Parent Group have indicated they will take care of this. A Stanmore, K Roffey and Y Hind are the council representatives. Chair Person Y Hind.

Kinder

This committee met after school Tuesday and has called for a working bee Sat to put the final touches to the new facility. The paperwork is all in for the application for use as a kinder,

and we are now awaiting a response from the Department.

Buildings and Grounds

This committee met after school Tuesday. To open up the front yard to students we are just awaiting written confirmation that the fairy tree has passed its safety audit (we've heard the news by telephone). A plan is ready for the planting of trees and shrubs on the northern boundary behind new building. More on this next week.

Entrance Foyer

We expect to be using the foyer next week, so now we are looking to furnish it with a display case for our old photos and other memorabilia. Anyone with ideas should communicate with Sue Kovacs.

Open night with Arts performances

With our grounds and building close to completion, councillors agreed it was time to invite in the public and show them around. We will have an open night on the last Wednesday of term. It will start in the daylight so that people can look around, and culminate in displays of visual and performance arts by our children in the new project space. More details to follow.

There will be another council meeting next Tuesday at 7pm to further the principal

selection process. It will still be several weeks until the outcome of that process is known.

Lost Property

We ask parents to check all outer garments - but particularly tops and hats which are regularly removed - to make sure they are clearly named. In this way they are returned to the owner immediately and never become lost property. We do have a couple of unnamed tops left around this year -if you have lost one please come in and check these.

Hooptime

Basketball has been wonderful for our children this year. The MacDonald's Hooptime competitions will involve nearly all of our older children, so I will be attending on June 5 (year3/4) and June 19 (year 5/6). For children travelling in a car other than their own parent's car there will be one more note to sign once we know exactly which car they'll be in. The children will have new uniforms for the day, and are already looking forward to it !

Bob Flower
Principal

Transit of Venus 6 June 2012 – next Wednesday

Warning: It is very dangerous to look directly at the Sun, especially through binoculars or telescopes. SERIOUS EYE DAMAGE MAY RESULT. At school we will use a telescope to safely project the image of the sun onto a sheet of paper.

On Wednesday 6 June 2012, between 8:30 and 2:30 pm Venus will cross in front of the Sun. As we see Venus's dark silhouette move across the disc of the Sun we will be witnessing one of the rarest and most famous events in astronomy, a transit of Venus, which will not occur again in your lifetime – next direct viewing is in December 2117.

What is a transit?

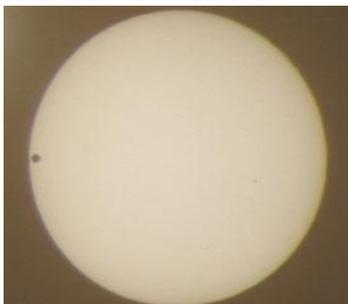


Figure 1 – A photograph of the 8 June 2004 transit of Venus taken from Randwick, Sydney, NSW.

Courtesy Neil Saunders

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/nsaunders/433208962/>

A transit does not occur each time the planets are in the same direction as the Sun because usually they pass above or below the Sun in the sky. A transit is somewhat like an eclipse of

the Sun. However, Mercury and Venus only appear as small dark spots against the disc of the Sun instead of covering the disc like the Moon does during an eclipse. This is because the planets are much more distant than the Moon and hence appear smaller.

Transits of Venus are very rare. They occur twice eight years apart and then not for over a century. Scientists in the 18th and 19th century used them to calculate the size of the Solar System. They are of especial interest to Australians since Lieutenant James Cook's voyage to Tahiti to observe the 1769 transit of Venus led to the European settlement of this country. The French were also interested in the transit, but French astronomer Guillaume Le Gentil had terrible luck with rough seas, cloudy weather, terrible illness and wars – He failed to view the transits of 1761 and 1769, and returned to France to find his wife had remarried and his relatives had declared him dead and shared his money! He didn't discover Australia, but he does have a crater on the moon named after him!

CALENDAR 2012

| JUNE | 2012 | |
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| Tuesday | 5 | Hoop Time – Years ¾. School Council Meeting Time TBA. |
| Monday | 11 | Queen's Birthday Holiday |
| Friday | 15 | Report Writing Day – classes will still be running on this day |
| Tuesday | 19 | Hoop Time – Year 5/6 |
| Wednesday | 27 | Open night with Arts Performances |
| Friday | 29 | Last Day of Term 2. School Finishes 2.30pm. |
| JULY | 2012 | |
| Monday | 16 | STUDENT FREE DAY. Staff will be training this day. |
| Tuesday | 17 | Term 3 starts for students. |
| Thursday | 26 | 1st Ski Day for years 3-6 for 2012. |

Tree Planting for Souhail

Friday 25th May was the 1st anniversary of the passing of Souhail Sabra. Regardless of the awful weather, it was a very special day with the planting of a fern leaf maple and students planting bulbs in memory of Souhail. The garden is called the memory garden and will be mainly a place where anyone can come and plant a bulb in memory of Souhail or anyone else they may have lost. Thanks to Souhail's mum and sister for coming and planting the tree with Riva. It will be nice to watch it grow over the coming years.

Ellen Gorham has written a lovely story in memory of Souhail which the 2,3,4 children illustrated. This book is available in our library for anyone to read.



SKI PROGRAM 2012

- Every Year 3-6 student should have all the details about the ski program for term 3.
- Please return your child's intention to ski as soon as possible, so that groups and lessons can be booked.
- Full payments need to be paid to the office by the last day of this term – Friday June 29th.
- Please phone Bob Flower if there are any concerns re payments.
- Remember- ski clothing & equipment check on the last week of this term , Wednesday June 27th.

AWESOME EFFORT HOODY!!!!

Congratulations to Liam Hood for successfully making through to the top 40 footballers for country Victoria. He was competing against over 100 other boys.

He now moves onto the next selection round, this Sunday in Melbourne, where the top 40 country Victorians and the top 40 metro Victorians compete for a place in the Victorian team. 40 boys will be chosen for this provisional state team.

Good luck Liam – you are showing amazing leadership and skills! Mrs K

Year 5,6 Students

- A reminder that weekly homework has commenced. It is handed out on a Wednesday and due the following Wednesday. I encourage students to complete this task well before the set day.
- We are encouraging good organisational skills!

XC Running Success Stories!

Fantastic effort to Bella and Emily for their XC running at the district event in Wodonga last week. They came mid field for each – Bella 64/130, Em 63/156.

Great job to Clay. He came 6/150. This is a massive result! So he is off to the Regionals in Broadford in a couple of weeks time.



Can you help???? – Cardboard cylinders????

Year 5/6 need any size cardboard cylinders –from toilet rolls to any length for an Art activity.

Can you help us? We would like to begin this activity in a week's time. Thanks!

COMMUNITY NEWS

MOUNT BEAUTY COMMUNITY MARKET

Saturday 2nd June 9.00am to 1.00pm.
For stalls phone Bev on 57544 097.
Local organisations and Craft people are welcome to set up a stall – so please come along. Your participation would be welcome.

Mt Beauty Tennis Club

Social Tennis

Every second Saturday of the month

Sat 12th May
Sat 9th June
Sat 14th July
Sat 11th Aug
Sat 8th Sept
Sat 13th Oct

Commencing 1.30pm. Cost \$2 members \$5 non-members

We welcome all players: members, non-members, visitors, beginners, experienced,

MOUNT BEAUTY SOCCER CLUB NEWS

Mt.Beauty Soccer will be at the Les Peart Oval this Saturday for training from 10.30am till 12noon,

We are still taking registrations for the 2012 season Boys & Girls age from 6-16years.

Contact: Ron Crawford 57544886 or 0413 339 570

YMCA together with Skateboarding Assoc Vic would like to welcome you to a skateboarding session

at Mt Beauty Skate park on the 9 May 2012
Instructors from Melb will be there to teach beginners how to skateboard and pros how to do tricks on the board.

All equipment will be provided for your session.

Helmets, boards, safety gear and instructors.

Cost is just \$10



Please put your name down with your teacher if you would like to come. See you there.

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Mt Beauty Primary School

presents:

2012 Ski Sale

Second Hand Ski Sale

This is a major fundraising event for Mount Beauty Primary School. Your participation and contribution will assist to upgrade our school facilities.

Bring any winter ski gear you have for sale and we will sell it for you adding 20% commission for the school. Alternately you can donate your gear to the school and we will receive all of the proceeds from the sale.

When: Saturday 9th June 2012 (Queens Birthday Weekend)

Where: Mount Beauty Community Centre
Hollands Street Mount Beauty

Time: 8am Registration of Goods
10am – 2pm Sale of Goods

What to Sell: Any items for Downhill, Cross Country, Snowboarding, Skis, Boards, Boots, Poles, Hats, Gloves, Jackets, Car Chains etc...

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